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German Embassy has shown Department report of 17 November meeting Kroll, FEDREP Ambassador to Moscow and Gromyko at which Kroll presented FEDREP reply to Soviet note of September 18. Summary of report follows:

Kroll underlined FEDREP's view that unilateral termination of Four-Power status in Berlin would be a breach of valid international law. FEDREP hoped No that Soviets would refrain from taking action proposed since such action would create grave situation.

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Union but to three Western Powers who had been in violation of the Potsdam and Berlin
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Berlin for selfish reasons. In accordance with Khrushchev's declaration, The Ci
Soviet Union would cede to THE CDR by unilateral action and without further
negotiation with The three Western Powers The rights to which THE Soviet Union

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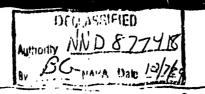
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is entitled under Berlin Agreements and this was the final decision of the Soviet

Kroll repeated that such action in miss view of miss FEDREP would create an extremely grave situation and he considered himself bound to point this out to Gromyko expressly once more.

Kroll reports his view that after these unmistakable declarations by Gromyko there can no longer be doubt that xxx Soviet Union has finally resolved to transfer to xxx GDR its rights under xxx Berlin Agreements but in xxx practicable implementation of this step xxx Soviet Union will probably proceed very carefully in order not to create a complicated situation. He expects that at first xxx Soviet Union will test xxxx Western Powers' readiness to enter into direct negotiations with xxxx GDR in less important specific cases.

As concerns and note which Kroll handed Gromyko, Kroll stressed and far-reaching accommodation shown by and FEDREP to the Soviet attitude and the FEDREP's hope that the Soviet Government would do everything to make possible and establishment of and Four-Power group. Gromyko said and note would be carefully studied and an official reply given. He went on to express regret that the FEDREP found itself unable to acceptate Soviet proposals of September 18. Gromyko considered that the German reply did not show any material change from any previous attitude. Kroll insisted that

Kroll believes Soviet Government will carefully examine are note but at the very best will offer new counter proposals. He reports that was atmosphere of the meeting was serious but not unfriendly.

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